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To : **Society of Jesus Delegates for secondary and pre-secondary education and management teams of our schools and the network of Jesuit schools**

Subject : **Invitation to Congress for Educational Delegates – JESEDU-Rio2017**

Date : **October 16th – 20th, 2017**

Place : **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

Introduction

The Secretariat for Education of the Society of Jesus, in collaboration with FLACSI (Latin American Federation of the Society of Jesus) and the RJE (Jesuit Basic Education Network in Brazil) are organizing the International Congress for Jesuit Education Delegates (secondary and pre-secondary education): JESEDU-Rio2017.

The purpose of this Congress is the development of a common global agenda to help connect Jesuit schools worldwide. This global agenda is the answer to the call “to act as a universal body with a universal mission” (GC35, D2, No. 20). In other words, it is about the question: How do we imagine the global educational network? Which commitments should we make on a personal and institutional level?

This Congress is conceived as a continuation of the process that started in 2012 at **ICJSE** in Boston and in 2014 at SIPEI in Manresa. At these meetings, we recognized the global character of our network, identified our common roots and discussed the current challenges we all face. JESEDU is conceived as a new phase in this process in order to move forward with our mission. The slogan of the Congress is “United in a Global Network: A fire that kindles other fires”, and it seeks to encourage the construction of a global network that can respond enthusiastically to the mission of the Society of Jesus, which has entrusted us with the faith that promotes justice and care for the environment.

To achieve the purpose of the Congress we have set four main objectives:

1. To reflect on current educational frontiers within the process of the renewal of the educational system.
2. To define strategic guidelines - minimum commons for our global network – which can be useful in developing this network.
3. Deepen our personal relationships as “Delegates of Education” from the Jesuit school network.
4. Describe the role of the educational delegates as co-responsible for the global school network.

The Congress in Brazil will involve a number of education delegates from all of our regions. However, we consider it important that all delegates, as well as the management teams of all our schools and school networks, have the opportunity to express their opinions and contribute to the development of the Congress. To this end, we have organized a Virtual Congress for all delegates and management teams of schools and networks in March and April 2017.

All information about the Virtual Congress can be found under the following link:
<http://jesedurio2017.educatemagis.org/en/foro/>

We expect the active participation from all of you to move on and make the JESEDU-Rio2017 Congress an experience of personal and institutional growth for the Jesuit Education. Together we can build the global network that we need and dream about!

Fraternally,

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